

## REMARKS

All the claims examined on the merits in this application has been indicated, in the outstanding Official Action, to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters. As such, prosecution on the merits has been closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Pursuant to termination of prosecution on the merits of this application, applicants have amended the specification to indicate priority of the present application from an international application, filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the priority of that PCT application from an earlier U.S. provisional patent application.

In addition, the claims withdrawn from consideration in this application, pursuant to a restriction requirement and a species election, have been cancelled. Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the material restricted out of the present application during the pendency of the present application.

The above amendment and remarks establish the patentable nature of all the claims currently in this application. Notice of Allowance and passage to issue of these claims, Claims 10-27 and 32-41, is therefore respectfully solicited.

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